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McGlynn (*to George*)—"If you play that music, I will quit right here, and run a show of my own!"

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THE MORE this congress thinks about it the more it is too cowardly to do it.

WE LOOK upon David B. Hill as Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde—especially Hyde.

I LOVE THAT man Cleveland. I should like to take him by the hand and kill him. *D. B. Hill.*

IT IS THOUGHT by some that the Democratic party is "dependant on one man," and they think his name is Hill.

IT IS TRUE that our patron saint Washington was given to profanity, but he swore in only one language.

GEORGE WASHINGTON never wore a wig. He had hair and head enough of his own.

AT THE LINCOLN DINNER one name led all the rest. Is it necessary to say which name that was?

THE WALK at Madison-square garden demonstrated the power of James Albert to take the cake.

IF THIS CONGRESS does nothing with the tariff the people will toss the Democratic party so high that it will not come down in twenty years.

WAS IT WASHINGTON who made the 22d of February, or was it that day that produced Washington? It is a great question. Perhaps it will never be satisfactorily answered.

IF GEORGE were alive we should have good weather in February; but what can you expect of this national administration?

THE NOMINATION of Mr. Blaine by acclamation would leave that gentleman without the power of declination.

MARTHA WASHINGTON once alluded to Mr. Custis, her first husband, and immediately she wished she hadn't done it.

AN EXCELLENT IDEA of propriety in language is presented in the heading of a paper of February 11, "Making Hay Before Lent."

WHEN WASHINGTON heard that B. Arnold had traitorized he gave a long sigh and remarked, "By heavens! here's your first mugwump."

WASHINGTON WAS GUILTY of just one joke. He said one day, for instance, that General Gates was one of those things on hinges that were always ajar.

NO MAN has a right to decline a nomination tendered him by the representatives of the people in national convention. Bethink thee of that, Mr. Blaine.

AFTER THAT SPEECH by Bismarck the statesmen of Europe looked aloft with renewed confidence at the ceiling of the assembly chamber; but after a long pause they put their heads together and remarked, "After all, it's got to come."

THE LOWLAND BEAUTY who refused George Washington drew from that suffering man the worst poetry that was ever written; but George was much relieved when he had got rid of it.

THE STATEMENT that Governor Hill has stolen $17,000 from the state in behalf of the executive mansion is folly. Seventeen thousand? Pooh! The governor is no sneak.

BISMARCK PRONOUNCES for peace in order to escape war pending the departure of the emperor, the crown prince and the head of the armies, to say nothing of himself; but he shows his teeth more to utter a growl than to assume a smile of conciliation.

MR. BLAINE is meddling too much with the politics of this country. What he wants to do is to take care of his health and let his fellow-citizens manage their own affairs. The Republican party has its headquarters here—not in Florence, Italy.

MARTHA NEVER said to G. Washington that he had better do this or that. Once when she ventured upon that experiment he gave her a look of extreme indignation, and she was obliged to sleep at the front side of the bed ever after. George knew what he was about, and Martha learned it.

PRESIDENT WASHINGTON had his faults, but he was at least never guilty of a free-trade message. The warts on his arms and the corns on his toes were involuntary and could not be helped; but he was guilty of no pain, sickness or foolishness which might have been avoided.

COMPULSORY EDUCATION.

MRS. CRINKLEY—"Wha's dat squealin' I hearn jes' now?"
JULIUS—"Spec' 'twas dad a tawkin' in he's sleeps. I done bruk de slate, an' de teacher don' 'low no 'xcuses in rethmytics."

MAYOR HEWITT, as the *Graphic* says, may be the grand old man; but if he would do less inconsequential knitting and more real business he would escape the danger of being suspected as the grand old woman.

ONCE WHEN Lafayette slapped Washington on the shoulder and said hilariously, "Hello!" George turned upon him and said with stern impressiveness, "If you do that again I'll call for the police." George was not a man to be fooled with.

WHAT IF D. B. Hill were to refuse to run for governor on the same ticket with Grover Cleveland? Dear, dear, what a sweep our man would have in the state of New York.

IT IS NOT for Mr. Blaine to say who shall or shall not be nominated. The people rule here, and what they say verily that is going to be done. Mark that, James Gillespie!

GEORGE AND McGLYNN have come to the parting of the ways, and as each wants to take the same road and demands that the other shall take the other there must be much trouble.

YOUR FRIEND HILL of Albany might afford to retire for four years if he could not get the nomination for president this year; and in that case would his friends carry the state for Mr. Cleveland and, for instance, William C. Grace? Not much, my son—not much.

A CONVENTION in Indiana of the Republican persuasion declares its opinion that the president talks tariff in order to put the bloody shirt out of sight. Very well. If the president wants to jump from the frying-pan into the fire it is the part of wisdom to encourage him in the act.

IT MAY be true that Tammany hall is for Cleveland, for have we not heard that when one is smitten on one cheek he should turn the other to the enemy? Still, that is not characteristic of Tammany hall.

THE PACE THAT KILLS (THE STOREKEEPERS).

MRS. HARLEM BRIDGES (*continuing sidewalk conversation*)—"And do you know I've had the *hardest* time to find the ecru edging I spoke to you about? The salesman took down fifty or sixty boxes, went to the wholesale department for samples, sent a messenger around to the other stores, and finally after he had called in one of the proprietors we found just the thing."

MRS. MOUNT MORRIS (*in an agony of interest*)—"How much of it did you get?"

MRS. HARLEM BRIDGES—"Oh, I'm only pricing to-day. I said I'd call again to-morrow."

SHAKEN FAITH.

Mrs. Tobin—"Well, well! is it youse, Ellen Garrity?"

Mrs. Garrity—"Did yez hear th' news? Aise down th' kindlin' aff yure showldher 'till Oi tell it yez."

Mrs. Tobin—"Av it's aboot John Fogarty's Larry gittin' t'ree balls o' blackin' in th' shixty-nint' rigiment election, Oi kin tell it to yees, Mrs. Garrity."

Mrs. Garrity—"It's blame shmart yez are, but it's no blickin' nor blackin' Oi has on me mind. Oi wor jist afther matin' Father O'Grath on th' cor-rner below, an' he says, says he, 'Mrs. Garrity,' he says, 'his holiness in Rom' hed twintty-five million dollys fer his prisints, an' divil th' shmile kem to th' face av him till he kem t' th' shtring av gold bades yez sint him t'rough me,' he says, 'an' Mrs. Garrity,' he says, 'av yez have any moor av th' sem kind o' julery, Oi'll tek great phleasure in thransmittin' it wid yure compliments,' he says."

Mrs. Tobin—"Did yez give it him?"

"*Mrs. Garrity*—"Indade Oi did not, Mrs. Tobin. It's me that's not shuspishy, but be th' holy shmoke! av Oi didn't see wan o' McAleenan, th' pawnbhreaker's car-rds a shtickin' out o' his riv-'rince's pocket Oi'm a liar! Pfwhist, now! look o' thot!"

TAKEN ON THE FLY.

Jones has been committing his views of life to paper with the following result:

"There are three kinds of friends—those who like you, those who don't like you, and those who detest you."

"Pleasures are the commas that punctuate the list of our sorrows."

"If you are a favorite of heaven you may be able to retain the good will of your friend; you may even be able to keep a balance at your banker's; but you never will be able to preserve your—umbrella."

HE SHOULD ASK IGNATIUS DONNELLY.

Ferguson—"I have often thought how true is the saying 'All the world's a stage.'"

Robertson—"Yes, 'all the men and women are merely players.'"

Ferguson—"But one thing is rather blind to me. If all the people are players, who shifts the scenery and takes the tickets?"

A GENEROUS CONCESSION.

LYNCHING PARTY (*apologetically*)—"We came to tell yer, ma'am, that we lynched yer husband. We admit that we got the wrong man, but yer got the laugh on us this time."

FRIENDLY COUNSEL.

Brown said the other day to an intolerable talker:

"I give you the best bit of advice you ever received. Try and go three days without speaking, and when you've succeeded begin over again."

INCONSIDERATE.

A nephew was bewailing the death of his uncle.

"The old jackanapes might have given me enough to pay the tax on his legacy before he died!"

De timid man purchases many a padlock.

INCOMMODING.

"By gosh! these ten cent *ear-lappers* be a right smart thing fer cold snaps. But they be a little bother to a man thet chaws es much terbaccar es me."

HUM OF THE COURT.

Angels are always pictured in robes, and that's what makes Anthony Comstock want to go to heaven.

As between a bonfire and a square meal a boy will take the former if he burns himself half to death.

When Mr. Bismarck wants to say "no" he says "yes," and everybody interprets him in that way. And that's statesmanship.

The cold weather out west has created a demand for seal-skin sacques everywhere which cannot be satiated in ten years.

One man got a valentine reading "When this you see flee right from me," and it made him so tired that he had to go to bed.

It is a popular remark in Albany that Troy hasn't the climate necessary to winter carnivals, and yet Troy is only six miles away.

They are looking up the men who do not wear overcoats in the coldest weather; and thus necessity makes heroes of the commonest tramps.

When one can have twelve buttons sewed on for five cents, as in Philadelphia, why should he want to be a Mormon with five wives and have no buttons sewed on at all?

WHY HE DIDN'T SHOOT.

PRESIDENT OF LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY—"Now I've caught you, you rascal! Drop that jewelry or I'll blow your brains out!"

IMPUDENT BURGLAR—"Yer dassent! I've got my life insured in your company fur $5,000, and it will be cheaper to let me go—see?"

All the murderers who are hanged wear a sweet smile. The last man to do it was Clement Arthur Day of Utica; but we suppose he did it mostly because he belonged to the home of Roscoe Conkling.

The literature of calf love deals largely in initials. There is the case of Arbuckle, and here is the case of a man in Chicago who wrote to the girl Ida May, "C. y. k. 100 t.," which, translated, means, "Consider yourself kissed 100 times." "Doubtless," as a venerable authority once remarked in substance, "the Lord might have made bigger fools than these, but doubtless he never did."

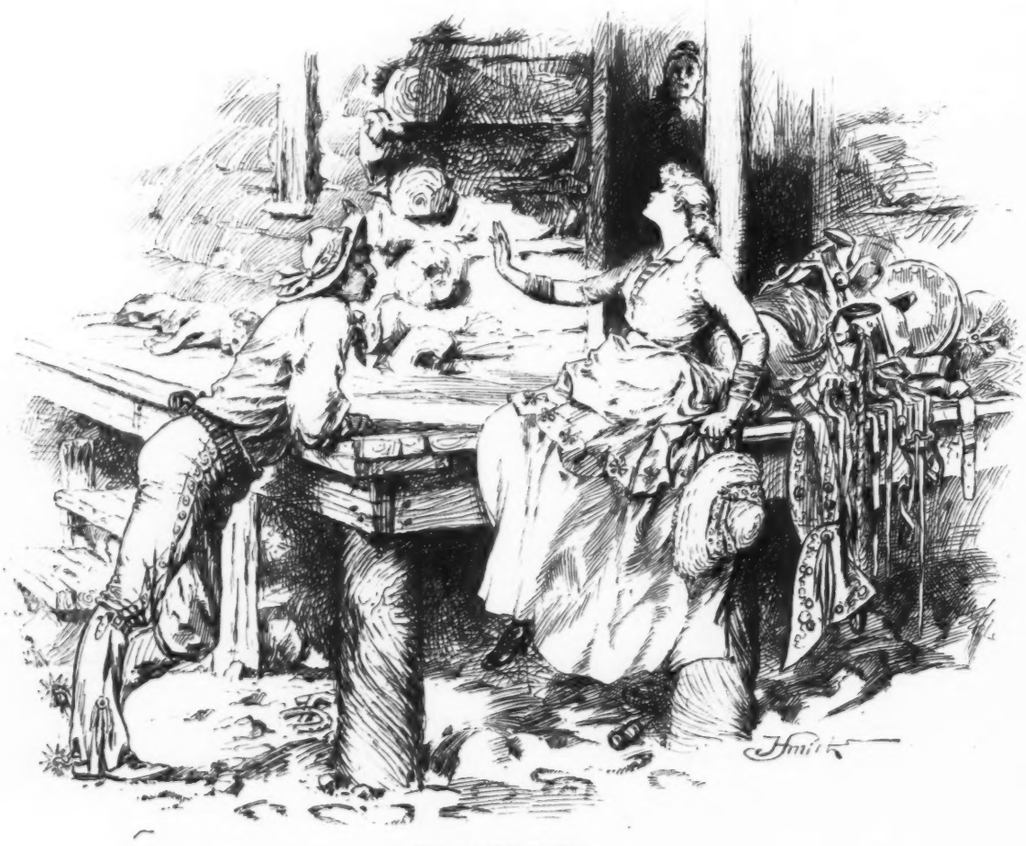
We must have our winters in summer; otherwise the more there is of them the less enjoyable they are.

A large number of the contestants in the recent go-as-you-please may be mentioned as the go-as-you-can'ts.

They tell of a young Louisville man who was made an idiot by smoking cigarettes, but we suspect that nature got in its work first.

A woman's cunning is altogether on the surface; and while the man is searching for it with a far-reaching but clumsy spade she is clipping the hair that grows on his eye-teeth.

When a prominent police-justice of this city declares that he has no knowledge of the game of poker we see how ignorance has managed to prevail in our local courts of justice. Though, to be sure, the police-justice may have lied.



STOCK OF ANOTHER KIND.

WILD HOSS BILL—"Why don't yer tell yer pap to come out here? New York can't be no such country as this fer breakin' saddle hosses—an' I'll give him a lay-out, seein' as me an' him's in the same business."

MISS BESSIE—"What do you mean?"

WILD-HOSS BILL—"Didn't you say he wuz a stock-breaker."

MISDIRECTION.

HE told her love and did not let
Concealment, like a blighting worm,
Feed on the roses of her cheek
Or do her other beauties harm.
Her aspect modest was, and meek:
And yet there was no epithet
E'er known to honest ardency
That she did not pronounce to me!

Her eyes downcast in diffidence—
Her half-turned head, her trembling lips,
Her face suffused, hands unemployed,
And making many tell-tale slips
As with a skein of silk they toyed—
Of happy choice gave evidence
When she framed an apology
For loving John instead of me.

J. A. WALDRON.

FRANKNESS.

"Allow me to congratulate you, my dear fellow, on having so charming a wife."

"Isn't she though? I say, did you notice her teeth? Come here, Pauline, and show the gentleman the handsome new set I gave you."

A NEW USE.

After a concert.

"Do you like the piano?" asks one young miss of another.

"Oh, so much!"

"Indeed?"

"Yes, a most valuable instrument; and then one can raise rabbits so nicely in the box that it comes in."

TO BE PASTED IN HATS.

"When in the course of human events it becomes necessary to have baby's photograph taken, be sure that the nurse who stands behind the curtain has presentable hands."

T. JEFFERSON.

OLD CHOCOLATE'S TARGET PRACTICE.

De homelies' cask may be full ob de bes' cidah.

De sun er boun' toe set wudder yo' stop yo' clock er no.

Hit am sometimes pleasant toe t'ink w'at yo' dassent say.

De lazy man wudn' wuck any hahdah ef he had fo' han's.

No fishahman kin tell w'at he's gwineter kotch by studyin' de brook.

Whittlin' may be time wasted, but bewar' ob de man w'at whittles w'ile he dickers.

A man may stub 'is toe to-day, but rumor ull break 'is leg to-morer, an' maybe 'is neck de day aftah.

De apples dat hang obah de fence in de road may belong toe de fahmah, but yo' can't make de traveler beleeb hit.

W'en I see folk struttin' roun' in fine clo' I is 'minded dat wid 'is fedders off de peacock wudn' be no han'sumah en de pullet.

A SHOCKING HYPOTHESIS.

In a French bathing establishment.

An English customer pokes his head outside the door of one of the rooms and calls to the attendant:

"Whatever could have gone off with my trousers? I can't find them anywhere!"

Attendant—"Is monsieur quite sure he had them on when he came in?"

A MODERN COMPARISON.

Bagley (after the ball)—"Did you find Miss Recherche of Boston as cold as usual to-night?"

Bailey—"Cold! Well, I think if that young woman were to go west and accept the position of thermometer in a blizzard she'd be just in her element."

SHOCKING.

"So Jenkins has gone to the bad, eh? Well, well, he used to be a very clever fellow. What did you say he was doing?"

"He's paragrapher on a Buffalo newspaper."

HE SURPRISED HIMSELF.

AMATEUR CONTORTIONIST—"Now, Billy, when I goes into dis barril, you just turn it over and I'll come out of the other end."

INCREDULOUS MAMMA.

A young school-girl—"Oh, mamma! please mayn't I read romances? Lucy Jones does, and she isn't a day older than I am. I peeped into her book the other day and the last two lines read, 'And they were married and lived happily ever afterward.'"

Mamma—"That wasn't a romance, my dear; it was a fairy tale."

A LEGAL QUESTION.

Lawyer (to witness)—"You say your business required you to go down into the basement fourteen times every day."

Witness—"Yes, sir."

Lawyer—"Now, sir, will you tell me how many times a day you came up from the basement?"

KNEW IT BY THE EAR-MARKS.

News editor—"Here's a telegram about a fire, but the name of the city is written so illegibly that I cannot make it out."

Managing editor—"Does it say anything about the building being gutted?"

News editor—"Yes."

Managing editor—"Date it Chicago and let it go."

THE BOOT ON THE OTHER LEG.

Eligible young man—"Oh, ma! I'm afraid my matrimonial chances for this year will amount to nothing."

Mamma—"What makes you think so, Georgie?"

Eligible young man—"Pa has just bought a bull-dog and I know the girls won't dare to come to the house now."

Chronic low speerits b'ar de same relation toe de min' dat povahty do toe de wallet."

MY CHOICE.

At 18.

H, many a lad goes a sighing,
And vows that of love he is dying:
Gay glances are sent,
Sweet flatteries spent,
And all Cupid's arrows go flying.
But the only lad that my heart can win
Is the laughing lad with the dimpled chin.

At 28.

There are laddies with brown eyes and blue,
There are laddies with bold hearts and true:
But I always look down
Betwixt smile and frown,
And never give heed when they woo:
For give me the purse of gold within,
Give me the man with lots of tin:
You may keep the lad with the dimpled chin.

D. GRAEME.

PRETTY WELL HEELED.

UNSUSPECTING AND THIRSTY NEW YORKER (*traveling in Maine*)—"Excuse me, sir; do you carry a pocket-pistol?"

NATIVE—"Cert, pard (*produces the article*). Wan' ter use it?"

NEW YORKER—"I d-didn't mean that k-kind. I meant a flask."

NATIVE—"Oh, you mean what we call a hypodermic inspirator. I've got one, but it ain't loaded fer free gifts."

HARD LUCK.

Tramp—"Mister, can't you help a poor man who is suffering through a dispensation of Providence?"

Citizen—"Poor fellow! What is the matter?"

Tramp—"If the Lord had only let me be born with six toes I could have made my fortune in a dime museum—but he didn't."

BOTH USEFUL AND ORNAMENTAL.

At a matrimonial agency.

"I should inform you," remarks the manager of the establishment to a patron, "that this young lady wears a wooden leg."

"Good heavens!"

"But I assure you that it's a very handsome one—made of ebony."

WORSE THAN DEATH.

Jailor—"That hoss-thief in cell 23 must be some sort o' social reformer, or friend o' the workingmen."

Sheriff—"What makes you think so?"

Jailor—"Why, when I told him just now that we had driven off the lynching party he groaned, and says he, 'I s'pose I'm stuck for two years at hard labor now. This is worse'n death!'"

Pufec' truf am gittin' so sca'ce dat I can't tell hit f'om a cross-cut saw w'en I see hit.

THEIR MEANINGS CLASHED.

WIDOWER CLUEDUP (*referring to cigar*)—"I hope you don't object to the weed, Lavinia?"

WIDOW SPARKLES (*referring to hat*)—"Not in the least now, but of course you'll give it up after we are married?" *And Cluedup, who had smoked for forty years, began to figure the cost of a breach of promise suit.*

A THRIFTY PURCHASER.

Jones was calling on an artist at his studio.

"What are you painting there?"

"The two Ajaxes."

"And the price?"

"Eight hundred dollars."

"But if you only put in one Ajax?"

IN A KANSAS TOWN.

Tourist from Boston—"Aw, I'm surpwised, weally, to meet so many culchawed people out here in Topeka; but awftah all there is a vewy mawked *pwovincial* air about them."

New York traveler—"That's natural enough; they're nearly all old Boston men."

NOT ANY IN HERS.

A member of the Academy of Sciences was seated next to a fashionable young lady at dinner.

"Do you like ethnology?" he asked.

"Yes, but I won't take any this evening, thank you."

Ef yo' 'ponent am wunner dem 'thusiasts dat stays in 'twell he dun pile-up all 'is wahdrobe but 'is un'nerclo', stick toe de game ez long ez he does de disrobin'.

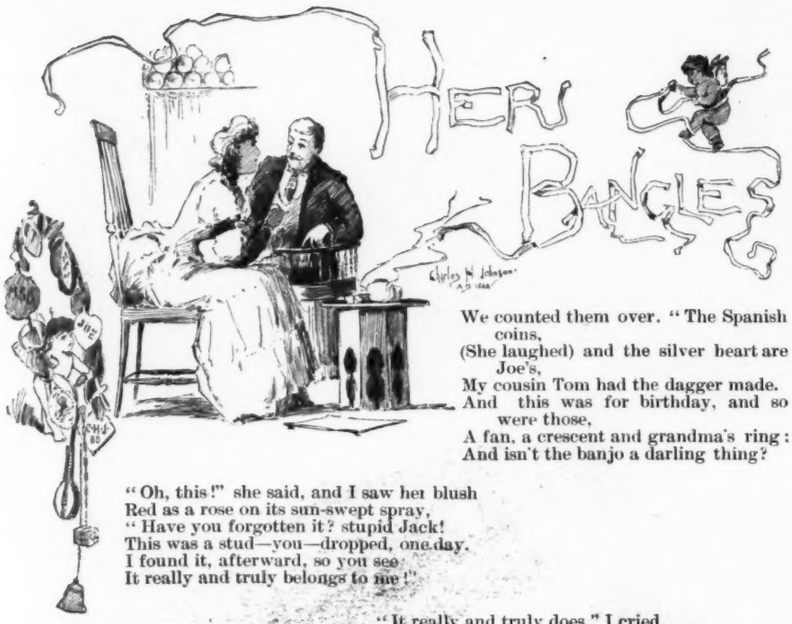
THE AUTOMATIC UMBRELLA TRAGEDY.

DEALER—"By simply pressing this spring—"

"You see the umbrella opens of its own accord."

MR. NEWFADD—"Here comes one of the Magnum girls. Now for a bow that'll break her all up!"

And it was eminently successful.



We counted them over. "The Spanish coins,
(She laughed) and the silver heart are Joe's,
My cousin Tom had the dagger made.
And this was for birthday, and so were those,
A fan, a crescent and grandma's ring:
And isn't the banjo a darling thing?

"Oh, this!" she said, and I saw her blush
Red as a rose on its sun-swept spray,
"Have you forgotten it? stupid Jack!
This was a stud—you—dropped, one day.
I found it, afterward, so you see
It really and truly belongs to me!"

"It really and truly does," I cried,
"And all things else that were ever mine.
Then can't you make room on your bracelet, dear,
For a living bangle, of—five foot nine?"
She clasped her hands round my bended head,
"Oh, not on my bracelet, Jack!" she said.

M. S. BRIDGES.

THAT EXPLAINED IT.

First K. of L.—"Vell, Hans, I haf not seen you into our meedings vor dose six months. Ve are vorking pooty much hard at dose tings vot you brobosed to der gommittee."

Second K. of L.—"How vos dot?"

First K. of L.—"Vy, ve vos going to haf dose ten hours' pay for dose eight hours' vork."

Second K. of L.—You gan nefer aggomplish dose. No man's gan afford dose moneys to pay."

First K. of L.—"But you brobosed him yourself, and said ve could get him if ve vos united mit ourselves all together."

Second K. of L.—"I tinks I must haf some mistooks madt ven I said dose."

First K of L.—"Vere you vos vorking now?"

Second K. of L.—"I doan' vos vorking vor dose odder mens now. I keeps dot shop vor meinself, and I pays dose machine men vor no more hours as dey 'vorks."

ANOTHER VICTIM.

TRAMP—"Give a poor fellow something ter eat who carries three bullets of the late war around with him?"

FARMER—"Ah! Indeed, poor man. (*After feeding him.*) Where do you carry them?"

TRAMP—"In my pocket."

REVENGE.

"So your engagement with Miss Clarke is off, I believe."

"Yes, but I got even with her. I put another girl's picture on the wrapper of my patent hair-restorer."

THE SOLEMN TRUTH.

Now the chilly breezes blow:
Nimble flakes of downy snow
In the falling sunlight glow
As of yore;
And on every hand we see,
In whatever town we be,
That old chestnut of a plea—
"Close the door."

IT HAD LEFT ITS TRACES.

Managing editor (to his machine poet)—"Mr. Jones, you ought to do a little better than this. These verses are very ragged."

Mr. Jones—"Can't help it, sir. I suppose the unevenness was caused by the spur of the moment."

AN UNLUCKY NUMBER.

A Paris cabby just escapes running over a decrepit old woman.

"A pretty close shave that," he remarks, "and no end of luck for me. If I'd fetched her 'twould have been the thirteenth this month."

PROPER PRESENT FOR A WIFE.

CUSTOMER—"I say, what would be an appropriate present to give to a lady?"

SALESMAN—"Well, that depends somewhat upon the lady's age and relation to you."

CUSTOMER—"Well, she's my wife."

SALESMAN—"Oh, in that case I would recommend a muzzle. I'm a married man myself."

CUSTOMER—"Shake."

ALL ILLS ARE COMPARATIVE.

Tourist (on his way cityward after a summer's jaunt, looks out of the car window impatiently at a stopping-place, and remarks)—"Pish! how slow this train runs. We'll be an hour late. And they call this a limited express!"

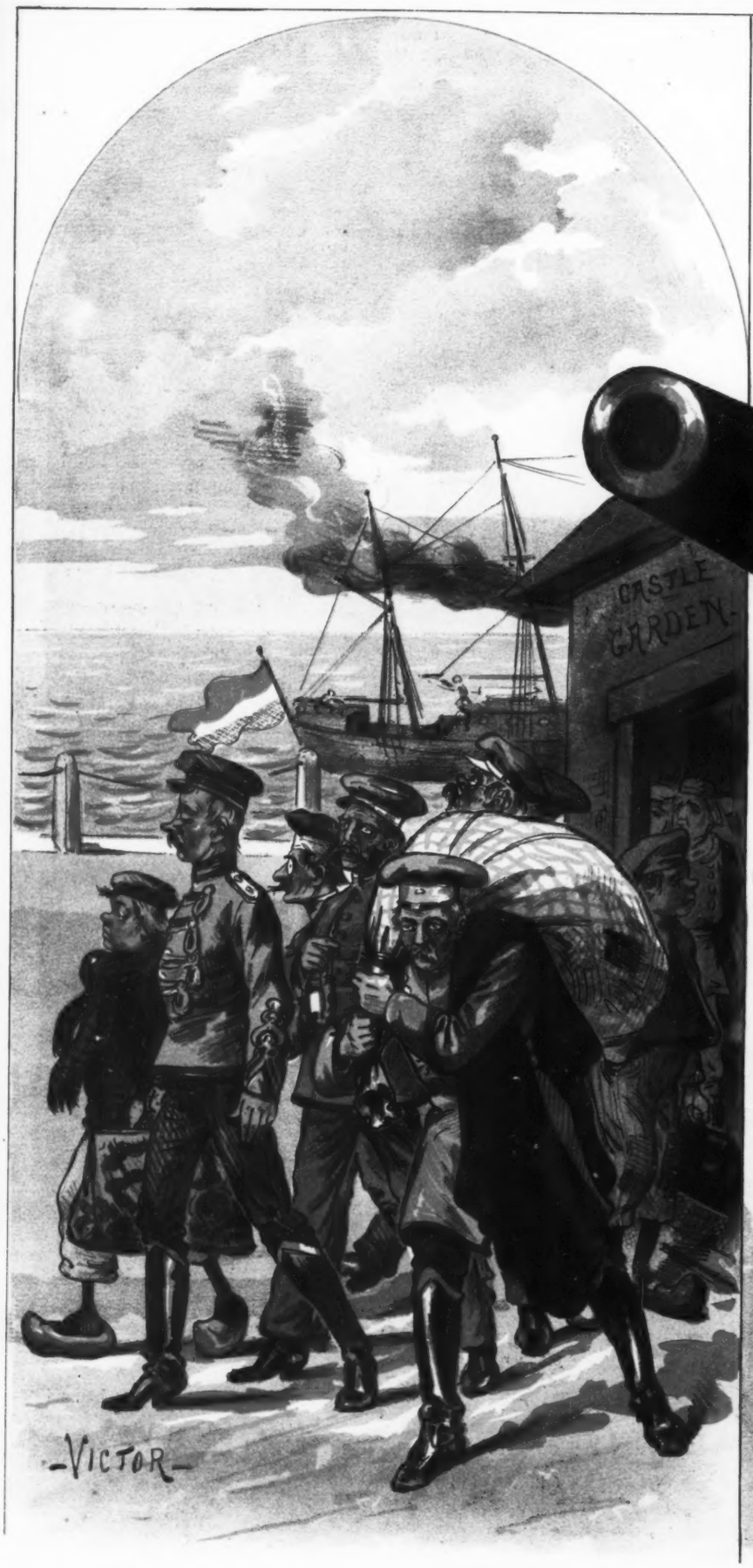
Tramp (at the station, who had pulled up to let the train go by)—"Let's see. That train 'll be in New York in three hours, an' I can't get there in four days, afoot. Now if time really were money!"

AN UNEXPECTED QUESTION.

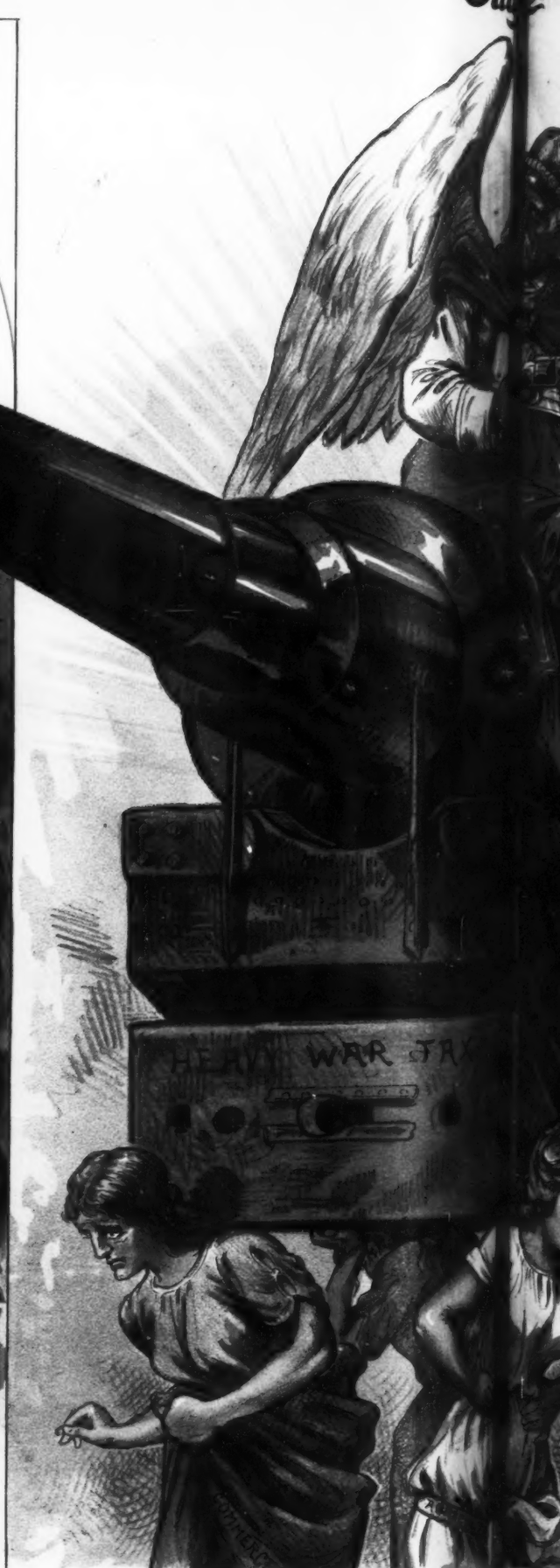
Clerical-looking man—"Young man, did you ever know that there was almost as much money spent for liquor in this country as for bread?"

Young man—"No, I didn't. By the way, what has caused the falling off in the liquor business?"

De mos' successful man needs a drawback now an' den, er he fawgits w'at success means. Ef yo' staat out in a row-boat on de ocean on a pleasant day, yo'er li'ble toe float toe fah f'om sho' 'less a stawm wa'ns yo' back.



The young men of Germany take refuge in America to escape the conscription.



ANGEL OF PEACE—"You we will ha

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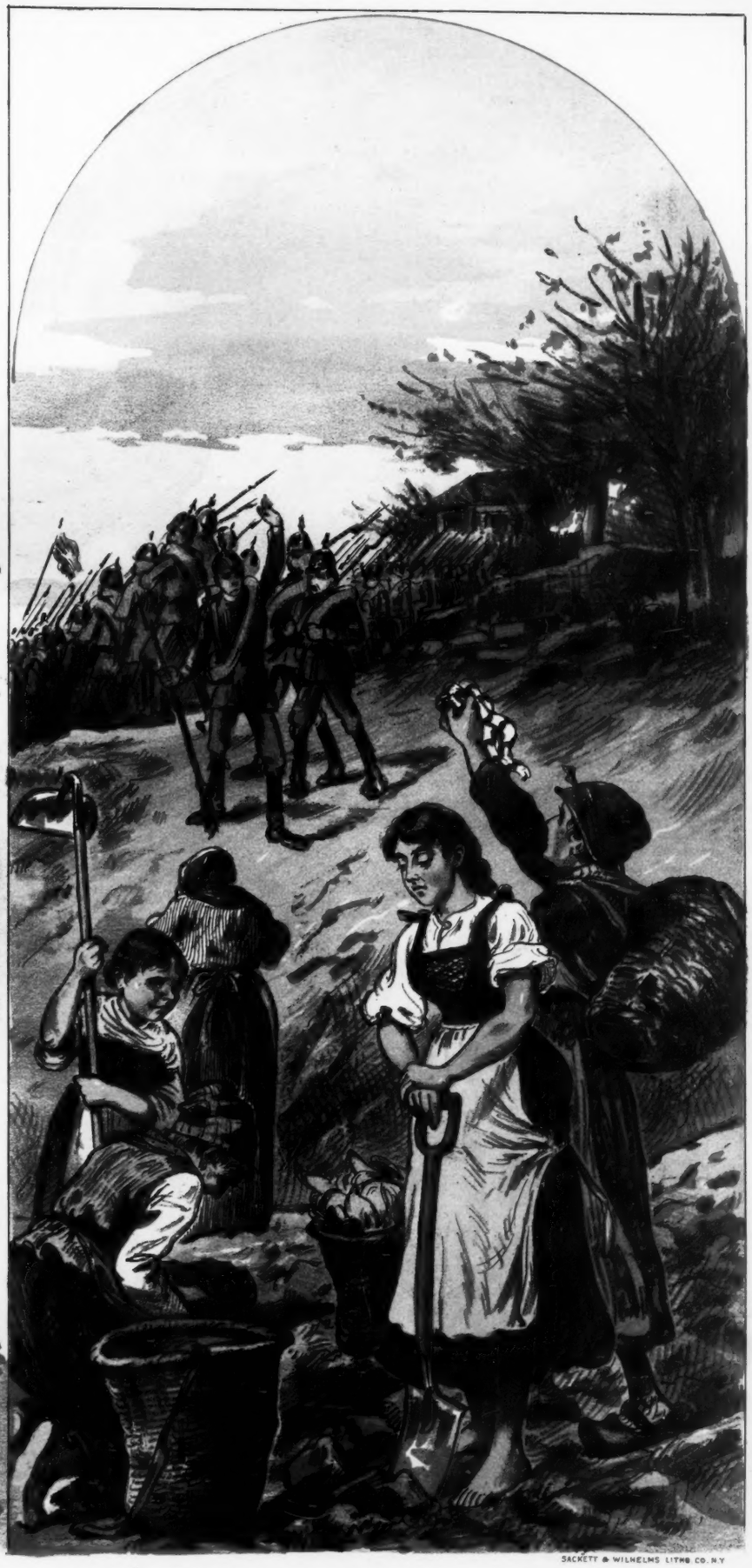
"...e will have Peace!"



Another conscription of a million men. None but women and children left to till the fields.

...NG FOR GERMANY.

A COSMOPOLITAN WOMAN.

She went 'round and asked subscriptions
For the heathen black Egyptians
And the Terra del Fuigians,
She did;
For the tribes round Athabasca,
And the men of Madagascar,
And the poor souls of Alaska,
So she did;
She longed, she said, to buy
Jelly cake, and jam, and pie
For the Anthropophagi,
So she did.

Her heart ached for the Australians
And the Borriobooli-Ghalians,
And the poor, dear Amahagger,
Yes, it did;
And she loved the black Numidian,
And the ebon Abysinian,
And the charcoal colored Guinean,
Oh, she did!
And she said she'd cross the seas
With a ship of bread and cheese
For those starving Chimpanzees,
Sure, she did.

How she loved the cold Norwegian
And the poor half-melted Feejeean,
And the dear Molucca Islander,
She did;
She sent pie and canned tomato
To the tribes beyond the Equator.
But her husband eat potato,
So he did;
The poor helpless, homeless thing
(My voice falters as I sing)
Tied his clothes up with a string,
Yes he did. S. W. FOSS.

INSIDE.

STUDENT—"My dear sir, your memory system has been of incalculable advantage to me. If you want a testimonal, refer to me."

HE ASEKD TOO MUCH

Slimley—"Here, waiter, these eggs don't seem to be very fresh!"

Waiter—"What would yez have? Sure, yez can't expect two fried eggs wid a certificate av birth, for fifteen cints?"

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Mr. Wilder—"If your Royal Highness will condescend to stop laughing, I shall be glad to tell another."

His fifty year leftness—"He, ho, ha! he ha, ho, he! proceed."

Mr. Wilder—"The late Mr. Travers of New York was walking on the deck of the Scythia, one day, on his voyage across, when Dion Boucicault, stuck his head out of the captain's stateroom window and said—

His leftness—"He, ho—"

Mr. Wilder (trying to get the end in over the laugh); "and said—'Bill, I'm afraid I shan't die.'"

His leftness—"Haw, haw, ho, ho, haw!"

Col. Ponsonby (getting a little sleepy)—"Say Tommy."

His leftness—"What is it, Pip?"

Col. Ponsonby—"Your ancestor King Arthur nicked Excalibur on a henchman's head for spinning that yarn at the round table."

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OUTSIDE.

PROFESSOR—"Excuse me, sir, isn't this your umbrella?"

A FAIR COMPROMISE.

Applicant for admission to Paradise—"Please, may I come in?"

St. Peter—"Who were you?"

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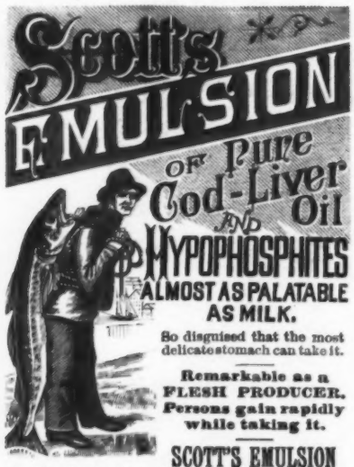

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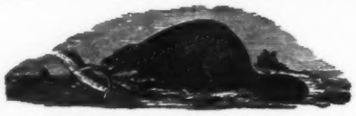

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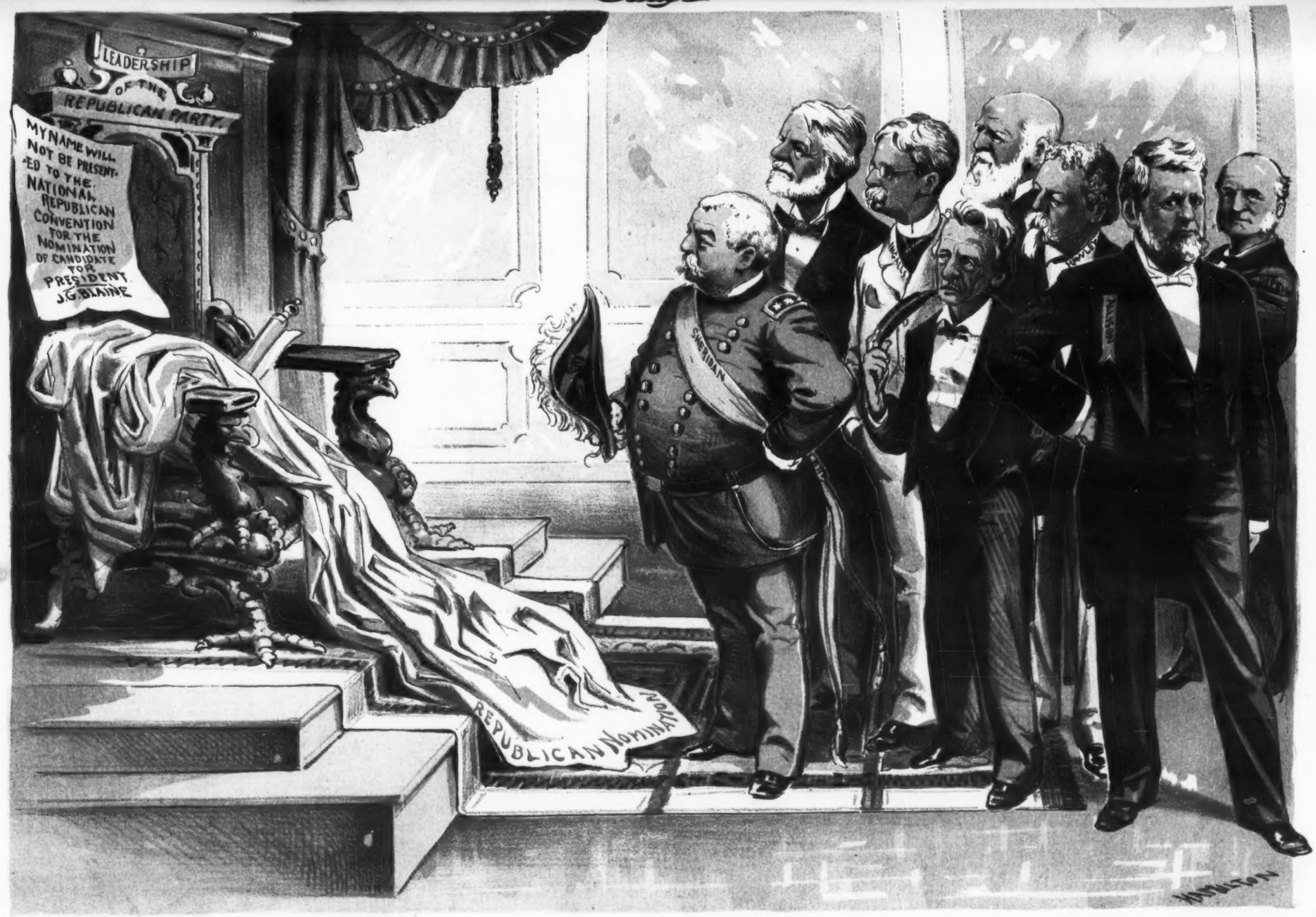

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